

URUGUAY



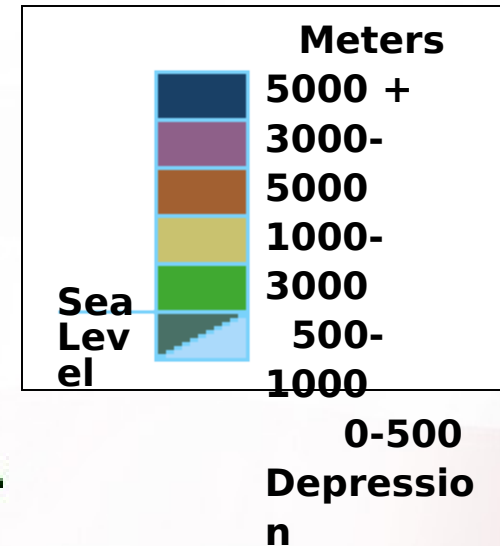
- Second-smallest South American country
- Developing economy
 - Export-oriented agricultural sector



Uruguay: Environmental Issues

- Topography
- Climate

Earm
temperate;
freezing
temperatures
almost
unknown



**Mostly rolling
plains and low
hills; fertile
coastal lowland**

***lowest point:* Atlantic
Ocean 0 m**

***highest point:* Cerro**

Uruguay: Environmental Issues

- Industry
 - Primarily agriculture
 - Others include small-scale mining, forestry and fishing
- Water
 - Surface water contaminated with raw sewage, industrial waste, and agricultural runoff
 - Mercury and chromium in some surface waters

Uruguay: Environmental Issues

- Food
 - Contaminated shellfish caused by algal toxins, sometimes seen as “red tides”
- Air
 - Localized pollution near urban and industrial centers
- Soil
 - Localized contamination near industry and waste disposal sites

Uruguay: Environmental Issues

- Greatest short-term environmental health risks
 - Water contaminated with raw sewage or runoff

Uruguay: Diseases of Operational Importance

- Low risk country
- Diseases of greatest risk
 - Food- and water-borne: bacterial diarrhea, hepatitis A
- Diseases of potential risk
 - Food- and water-borne: protozoal diarrhea, typhoid/paratyphoid fever
 - Sexually transmitted: gonorrhea/chlamydia, hepatitis B, HIV/AIDS
 - Soil contact: hantavirus pulmonary syndrome
 - Animal contact: Q fever, rabies